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Chief, Technical Services Staff

Director of Communications

Infrared Communication Systems Development

1. It is my understanding that TSS is preparing to negotiate a contract with the [redacted] Manufacturing Company for the development of a short range infrared communications device using funds supplied by TSS. Since both the Office of Communications and TSS are involved in contract work on infrared equipment, I have had my staff investigate the possibility of parallel effort in the development of infrared communications systems for Agency use. The study, of which a copy is attached, has revealed that while operational characteristics are somewhat similar, the technical developments being pursued are not duplications of effort and will produce equipment superior to that already in existence.

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2. I also understand that your original proposal from [redacted] for the short-range communications equipment is expected to be modified slightly with respect to the number of prototypes delivered by [redacted] and the inclusion of engineering drawings and specifications. This modification is acceptable to the Office of Communications.

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